

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



June 24, 2010

REQUEST: Final Subdivision and Development Plan/2730 Wilmarco Avenue

RECOMMENDATION: Approval, subject to comments from the Department of General

Services

STAFF: Ervin McDaniel

PETITIONER: Monroe Holding LLC.

OWNERS: Same

SITE/GENERAL AREA

<u>Site Conditions</u>: The property known as 2730 Wilmarco Avenue (Lot 007 of Block 2107A) is zoned M-2-1 and is 9.2 acres in size. The property is improved with a large warehouse/manufacturing building.

<u>General Area</u>: The subject property, 2730 Wilmarco Avenue, is within the industrial portion of the Morrell Park community. South of the subject property is the Crossroads Industrial Park, which is a City sponsored (BDC) industrial park. This area is characterized by industrial land uses (i.e. warehousing, light manufacturing, and others)

HISTORY

There have been no previous Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

The EARN section of the City of Baltimore Comprehensive Master Plan strongly recommends the redevelopment of underutilized industrial parcels in a manner that can attract modern industrial uses to the City's industrial areas.

ANALYSIS

The applicant is proposing to subdivide the property known as 2730 Wilmarco Avenue into two lots for dispositional purposes, Lots #7A (5.1 acres) and Lot #7B (4.1 acres). At present, the property is improved with a large warehouse/manufacturing building. The central portion of this building, which is the oldest, will be demolished and in its place will be a surface

parking area. The remaining portion of the building will be renovated and each will be on a separate parcel (Lot 7A and 7B). Also, both new properties will have parking, fencing, and landscaping. The following is staff review of this project:

- <u>Subdivision and Development Plan Requirements</u>: This project complies with the City's rules and regulations relative to land subdivision within Baltimore City. The lots have frontage on a public street and will have separate utilities.
- Architectural Elevations: Elevations are not required because this is a renovation project.
- <u>Sustainability:</u> The renovations to the existing structure will be energy star certified.
- <u>Zoning Code Requirements</u>: The subject site is located within an M-2-1 zoning district. The site will not require any relief from the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.
- <u>Forest Conservation</u>: A Forest Conservation Plan has been submitted and approved by staff.

The Morrell Park Community Association, Morrell Park & Saint Paul's Improvement Association and Wilhelm Park Community Association were notified about the Final Subdivision and Development Plans for 2730 Wilmarco Avenue.

Thomas J. Stosur Director